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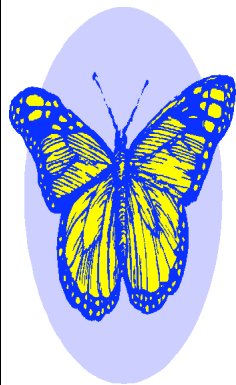
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The Sky is falling ? . . .

Unity – Peace – Love . . .

seem so far away— so impossible. Our world is hurting. Its people in anguish look for protection, security and hope. Each sees his own cause as good, right & true. Time marches on.

Here in Garden Grove, in our small corner of the universe, we plan a banquet. It all seems so inconsequential. But —just maybe — in some small way we can mirror what we want for our world if only for a moment. We can invite those we know to meet with the ‘other’.

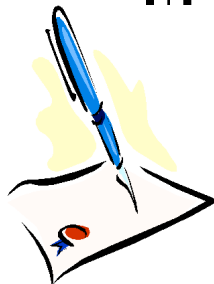


Maybe just for a moment we can find in the ‘other’ the seeds of peace.

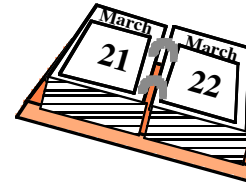
Maybe just for a moment the world at least our part of it can see the possibility and the hope.

Maybe just for a moment the world can see us and know that the diversity of culture, race, ethnicity, nationality, language, and faith are an indication of strength and a cause for celebration.

We are the seeds of peace



Pat Casey will return next month. Seems her surgery recovery is not meeting her expectations. Apparently, yesterday and today were not part of her options. We wish her well and pray with her for a speedy recovery.



Apr. 1st Monthly Meeting
Jeanette Smith
First Church of Christ Scientist

Apr. 1st I.F.C. Board Meeting
Immediately following monthly meeting

Apr. 9th Interfaith Walk of the Cross
St. Anselm — 12:00
St. Columban — 1:10
Garden Grove Methodist — 1:50
Garden Grove Presbyterian — 2:45
—Good Friday—
Join us as we walk and pray.

Feb. 12th Easter

May 6th Monthly Meeting

May 14th Eighth Annual Interfaith Banquet – Note: this is a Friday

Food for Thought . . .

Life can be found only in the present moment.

The past is gone,

the future is not yet here,

and if we do not go back to ourselves in the present moment,

we cannot be in touch with life.”

Thich Nhat Hanh

Miscellaneous . . .

Banquet . . .

*An evening
Food, Fellowship, Entertainment &
Enlightenment*

Susan Quinn — Music — Art Auction — Art Contest — Awards —
May 14, 2004 — Get your tickets early. \$15.00

Eighth Annual Banquet . . .

*The Place of Loving Inquiry:
Expanding Your Community Through Openness,
Dialogue & Faith*

Susan Quinn, author — consultant, will be our keynote speaker. She was born and raised in the Jewish faith and has practiced Zen Buddhism for the last 11 years. While deepening her spiritual life by nurturing an intimate connection with the Divine through Jewish prayer, chanting and meditation. This should be an exciting and informative evening.

Spirit in Action . . .

We are proud to announce this year's *Spirit in Action Award* winners. These people exemplify those qualities that are needed the most in our time. They give of themselves to others. Their service continues to make our world a better place.

Sr. Brid O'Shea — S.H.I.P. & outreach to the poor and homeless — for work the program to feed the homeless on Saturdays at noon as part of the food in the afternoon.

Sukh Chugh — Be the Cause — for a commitment to promoting peace and hope our community through your own outreach and the support of numerous other programs in the community.

Margaret Henke — Interfaith Coalition for the Environment — for charitable community outreach and tireless efforts to improve the lot of those sometimes forgotten in our community.

Hussam Ayloush — CAIR — for service to establish strong community relations, civic responsibility, and defense of those unjustly discriminated against.

It is a privilege to know you all.
Congratulations to each of you!!!

Banquet Display Tables. .

The faith community displays are always fascinating, especially, to the new attendees. It is usually their first experience of the diversity that is ours.

Silent Auction . . .

We have been asked for suggestions. Unique items are always welcomed and popular. Tickets for shows, movies, harbor trips, small electronics, children's items. Items need not be expensive. If you have anything that would be appropriate, please contact:

Ann at 890-5203 or Barbara at 537-2936

Unity Table . . .

Remember to bring your item for the "Unity Table" and be prepared to give a 1 minute or less explanation of the object and its significance. This is always a special part of this evening.

Thanks . . .

To speakers for March and for the chocolate cake!!!

Fr. Ed gave us a quick presentation on the meaning and observance of lent in the Catholic tradition.

Zariyyah Muhammad spoke on Sura 104 which calls for an obligation to enjoin the right and forbid the wrong (not always an easy endeavor). She shared her vision and hope for the future.



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Next Meeting: April 1st

Garden Grove Community Center
11300 Stanford Ave., Garden Grove, 714-741-5262.
12:00 — Bring your own lunch & meet new friends.
Meeting 12:30 — 1:30 p.m.

Jeanette Smith, a member of the International Speakers Bureau, will answer "Who is Mary Baker Eddy and what is Christian Science?"

See you there!!!